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Interscholastic League

Yates High School and Carver High, both of Houston, and Austin County High, Sealy won boys state track and field championships in the Texas Interscholastic League finals at Prairie View A. & M. College recently.

Yates scored 74 points in the Class AAA Meet, Carver—AA, 58 points; and Class A Sealy — 46 points. High point men in the three divisions were: H. Marshall, Central High, Galveston — 24; C. Wright, Carver, Amarillo—34; and Wrath Brown Jr., Arp — 22 points.

Championship trophies were awarded to the state winners by Dean J. M. Drew and League Director O. J. Thomas. More than a hundred schools participated in the two-day state final events.

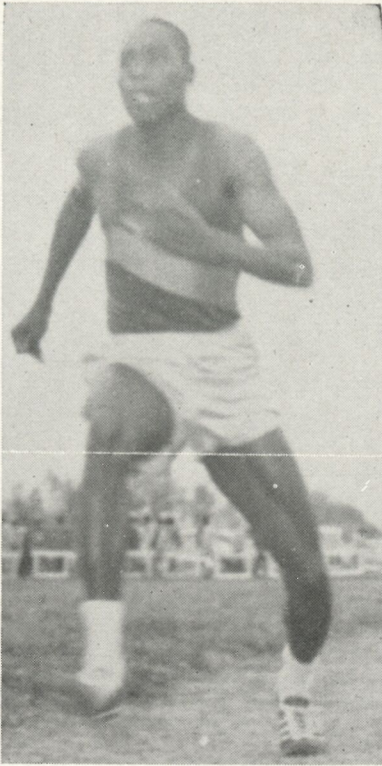
Girls division winners in track and field events included: Class AAA — Lincoln, Port Arthur—68 points; Class AA — Washington, Marlin—48; and Class A—Dunbar, West—26 points. High point scorers were: Nettie Guillory, Port Arthur—18; Marjorie Simpson, Marlin—14; and Lodi Whittington, West—14 points.

State winners in the tennis matches included: Class AAA—C. Walls and John Wilkerson, San Antonio; Gussie Griffin, Corpus Christi, and Ross and Wilson, Corpus Christi. Class AA— William Sims, Sherman; Girtha Polly, Gladewater; and Polly and Wallace, Gladewater. Class A—John R. Henry, Prairie View; Henry and Sanderson Woods, Prairie View; and Clara Henry, Hawkins.

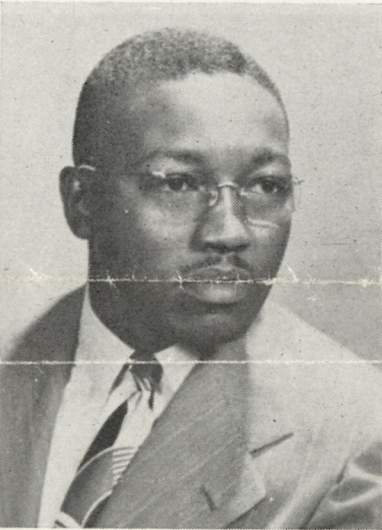
First place winners in literary, music and dramatic final events were: Class AAA—Charlton-Pollard, Beaumont; Class AA — Washington, Marlin; and Class A Elmore High, Houston.

Students Run the College for a Day

Military students at Prairie View A. & M. College had their day at "running the College" on May 8. The College administration approved the training activity for forty cadets who are members of the National Honorary Society of Scabbard and Blade.



JIM GAMBLE Wins in Drake Relays



Dr. W. Levi Cash, Jr., Director, Counseling Center and Professor of Psychology at Prairie View A. & M. College of Texas has been appointed a member of the summer session staff at the University of Michigan as a visiting lecturer in the Human Relations Workshop on August 5-16.

Plans to Extend Low Cost Housing Cited by FHA Official at PV Meet

Speaking on housing progress, Charles Sigety, deputy commissioner Federal Housing Administration, Washington, D.C. stated in a keynote address at the tenth annual Housing Conference at Prairie View A. & M. College that the FHA would re-examine the underwriting programs of the Agency in an effort to serve a larger segment of the public in acquiring homes.

The plan, according to Mr. Sigety, is for a conference to be held in Washington in which builders and representatives of financial institutions would be asked to assist in reviewing the FHA programs in the light of present day needs for housing. Of particular interest to the FHA will be the system by which mortgage credit is extended to home buyers.

Honors Day

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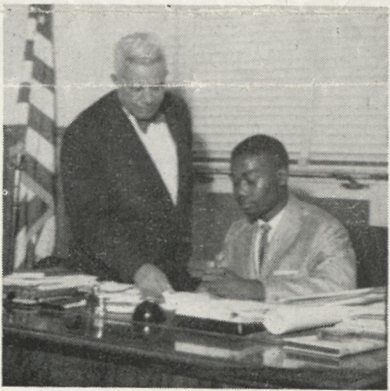
Sandles, Claiborne Smothers, Bobby Baldwin, Vera Brooks, Alvin Chester, Sarah Foster, Bobbie J. Hardaway, Linnie Harris, Joyce Burford, Ruby Davis, Dorothy Fugua, Edith Hobbs, Donald Paul, Edmond Pinkard, Maude L. Sheppard, Winnie Spence, Earlene Whittenberg, Wilma Barnett, Thomas Brewer, Jerry Calloway, Madero Hilburn, Bessie Miae and Lee Ruth Bryant Washington.

Athletics — Varsity Football Lettermen, 1956-57: Theodore Fuller, Rufus Granderson, Ruddle Hitchins, Gentris Hornsby, Jimmy Hunt, Frank McKee, James Rickett, Robert Shaw, Forrest Smith, David Webster, Charles Broussard, Clemons Dainels, Charles Garcia, Jimmy Heron, Eugene Lewis, Samuel Metters, Hunter Price, Calvin Scott, David Brown, John Oliphant, William Stell, Heron Tibbs, Harold Campbell. Varsity Basketball Lettermen, 1956-57: Harold Grimes, Harold Brackins, Moses Hill, Bob Nelson, James Gamble, Paul Rutledge, Robert Martin.

A second plan which appears to be quite revolutionary in its approaches is one in which the FHA proposes to be of assistance to smaller communities of 15,000 or less. This plan calls for the co-operation of approved mortgages, builders and fee appraisers in these smaller communities. This group would prepare and develop FHA commitments for mortgage insurance by the district and state FHA offices.

Dr. E. B. Evans, President of Prairie View A. & M. College, presented awards of recognition and certificates of merit to twelve prominent builders during a luncheon session. Those receiving awards of recognition were: W. H. "Chief" Aiken, Atlanta; Hilyard Robinson, Washington, D.C.; Wendell and Harold Robbins, Kansas City, Kansas; and Mack Hannah, Port Arthur. Certificates of merit were awarded to J. R. Roberts, Houston; James Thomas, Houston; Melvin Silverman, Houston; O. B. Street, Austin; T. D. Armstrong, Galveston; Jack York and Thomas Purvis, Fort Worth; and Jerome Crossman, Dallas.

The luncheon speaker was Dr. George W. Snowden, minority group housing adviser, FHA, Washington, D.C.



STUDENT TAKE HELM . . . President Evans relinquishes his chair to Beauregard Brown III, acting President for one day.

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Texas NFA Group Schedules Meet

The twenty-sixth annual convention of the Texas Association of the New Farmers of America is scheduled to be held at Prairie View A. & M. College on June 4-7.

George Roesner, farm editor KPRC-TV will be one of the visiting speakers. Others will include Eristus Sams, local Waller County farmer; Kenton Harvey, President of the Future Teachers Association; and O. L. Phillips, principal, Clemons High School, Neches, Texas.

Undergraduate Program Stressed During Summer

Prairie View A. & M. College will place a great deal of stress on its undergraduate curriculum, particularly for entering freshmen during the summer session which begins Monday, June 3.

The summer session at Prairie View have gradually moved toward emphasis in undergraduate work as more and more students seek to take advantage of time in completing the baccalaureate degrees.

A large number of workshops and special courses are also planned for the summer. Workshops in dramatics, nutrition, mathematics, physical science, social science, home economics, and community education are included in the schedule. In addition, the special offerings include: clinic for baton twirlers and cheerleaders, training course for extension workers, cosmetology institute, a reading conference, coaching school and an education tour planned for the Northeastern United States.



BOBBIE A. NICHOLSON Selected as the senior student making the most outstanding contribution to the College.



PRAIRIE VIEW SELECTS A QUEEN . . . Aspiring to be Miss Prairie View of 1957-58, these seven co-eds entered the recent election held by the student body. All juniors, the candidates and their home towns are: Left to Right: Dorothy Sims, Wharton; Ida Brown, Prairie View; Lillian Jackson, Bay City; Lillie Conley, Wichita Falls; Mary McKnight, Dallas; Eddie Thompson, Houston and Daisy Allen, Houston. Lillian Jackson (third from left) received the students' nod.

78th Commencement Degrees and Certificates Awarded to 367 Graduates

A total of 367 graduates received degrees and certificates at Prairie View A. & M. College Sunday.

President E. B. Evans made the awards which included 292 baccalaureate degrees, 29 master's degrees and 46 certificates of proficiency. A record breaking crowd, including nearly 2,000 visitors, jammed the College Auditorium for the 78th convocation exercises which marked the close of the state institutions eighty-first year.

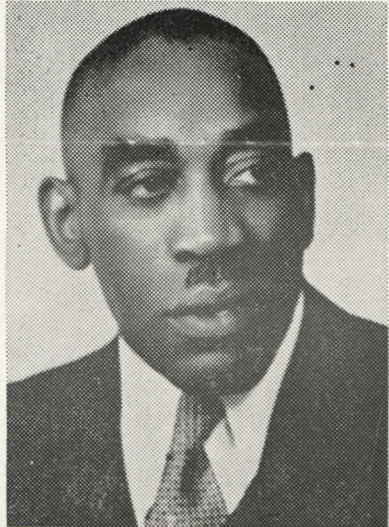
The Reverend Ernest C. Estell, Sr., pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Dallas delivered the convocation address. He told the graduates that "your job is only half done." "You are only half way on the road to finding your place in life and making a worthwhile contribution to progress in Texas and the nation," Dr. Estell said.

The president gave recognition to twenty-one honor students, four of whom were graduates "with great distinction." They were Rosemary L. Pigford, Tyler; Constance Royal, Fort Worth; Marshall C. Swann, Troup; and Helen Willis, Wharton. Commissions as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army Reserve were made to 24 graduating Cadets in the ROTC.

Annual Awards were made by the General Alumni Association to three teachers who have rendered

outstanding community service during the past year. Recipients were Victoria Allen Banks '38, Detroit, Michigan church and civic leader; A. Clyde Herald '36, Houston public school science teacher; and Ira Franklyn Wesley '39, Houston industrial education teacher.

The breakdown of degrees awarded was as follows: Agricul-



REVEREND E. C. ESTELLE Commencement Speaker is pastor of St. John Baptist Church, Dallas.

Summer Session Begins June 3

Several outstanding specialists in education and other fields will join the Prairie View A. & M. College staff for the summer session which begins on June 3.

Dr. Ann Cook, professor of Dramatics at Howard University, Washington, D.C., will serve as chief consultant in a dramatics workshop scheduled for the first six weeks period. The department of English is sponsoring this special feature to meet the demands of many in-service teachers who have responsibilities in high school dramatics and interscholastic league activities in this field.

The workshop in Counseling and Guidance will feature the appearance of Dr. Marechal Neil Young, specialist in guidance and principal in the public school system of Philadelphia. Timothy Chandler presently of the University of Cincinnati will serve as professor of special education and A. G. Hilliard President of the Teachers State Association of Texas and high school principal at Tyler, Texas will join the staff in educational administration.

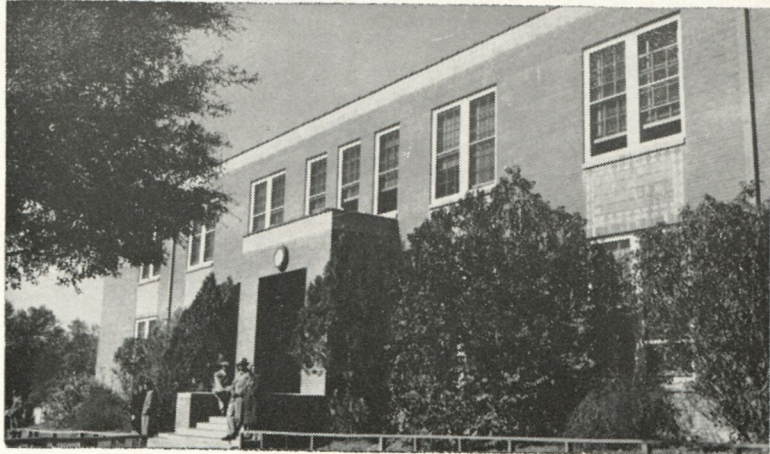
ture, 15; Arts and Sciences, 43; Music, 15; Science, 88; Education, 68; Engineering, 13; Home Economics, 26; Industrial Education, 20; Nursing Education, 4; Masters Degrees, 29; Certificates awarded were: Secretarial Science, 8; Dressmaking, 1; Automobile Mechanics, 5; Carpentry, 1; Cooking and Baking, 17; Electricity, 1; Metalwork, 2; Masonry, 2; Printing, 2; Shoemaking, 1; Tailoring, 3; Radio and Television, 1; Dry Cleaning, 2.

The convocation procession included administrative officers and faculty, the candidates for the Bachelor's and Master's Degrees, the President and the Convocation speaker. The procession was "War March of the Priests" by Mendelssohn and the recessional was "Pomp and Circumstance" by Elgar.

Other program participants included the Reverend Lee C. Phillip, dean of the Chapel; Lt. Col. Thomas H. Wright, professor of Military Science and Tactics; Emuel E. Cleaver, president, Prairie View Alumni and Ex-Students Association; and members of the College Choir.

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PV Student Ranks Second in Army Food Service School

Private Levi Williams, Jr., 404th MP Company, Fourth Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas and former student is cooking and baking at Prairie View was second highest in a class of thirty-seven graduates from the Fourth U. S. Army Food Service School.

Funeral Services for Oscar Pipkins, Sr. Held

Funeral services for Oscar Pipkins, 60, a long time employee at Prairie View A. & M. College, was held on May 9 at Bethlehem Methodist Church in Hempstead.

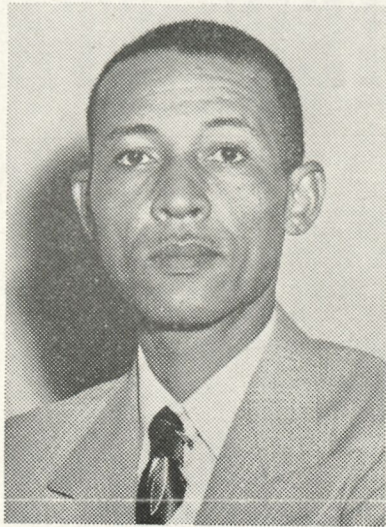
Affectionately known by thousands of Prairie View students and faculty members as "Buck Mix," Pipkins, a native of Louisiana, served for 20 years at the College as law enforcement officer, nightwatchman, and taxi driver. He was employed in the department of men throughout his tenure of service, and was a deputy in the Waller County Sheriff's Office.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters: Mrs. Rosa Mae Scott, Mrs. Lillian Henderson, Mrs. Annie V. Scott and a son, Oscar Pipkins, Jr., two sisters, two brothers, fourteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Singleton Funeral Home of Hempstead was in charge of arrangements. Burial was in Paradise Cemetery, Houston.



OSCAR PIPKINS, SR.
"Mr. Buck Mix" Passes



A. CLYDE HERALD '36
Leader in Service Education

Alumni Makes Annual Achievement Awards

Commencement Exercises at Prairie View A. & M. College featured the presentation by the General Alumni Association of Annual Achievement Awards to members of the group who have rendered outstanding community service during the year.

Named by the organization for recognition in 1957 were Victoria Allen Banks, '38, Detroit, Michigan church leader; Ira D. Franklyn Wesley, '39, Houston public school teacher; and A. Clyde Herald, '36, Houston public school teacher.

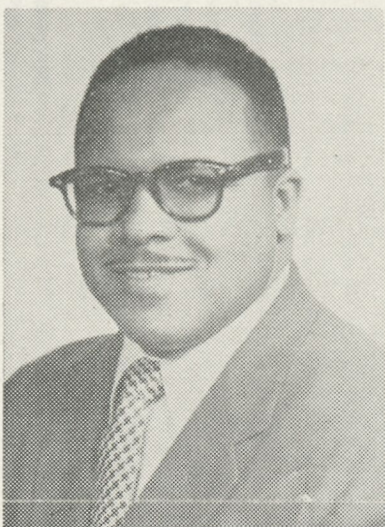
Mrs. Banks was cited for outstanding religious, civic and educational activities in the state of Michigan. The wife of Reverend A. A. Banks, Jr., minister of the Second Baptist Church, Detroit, she has served as member of the Michigan Social Welfare Commission, a member of the board of directors of Parkside Hospital, National Chairman of the Child Welfare Committee of the Women's Convention of the National Baptist Convention, a member of the faculty of the school of religion committee of the Detroit Council of Churches and the Baptist Training School, and sponsor of the Family Society and the Detroit Urban League Auxiliary.

Ira Franklyn Wesley was picked by the Alumni for his outstanding work as a teacher in Industrial Education. A teacher in the Houston Public Schools, he has on two occasions won the Ford Motor Company Outstanding Achievement Award for instruction in Junior High School metal work.

Also a Houston public school teacher, A. C. Herald is cited for outstanding service in the field of teaching. He has developed an interesting and challenging method of teaching science which has the attention of Houston school officials and others in his field. He has served as a Science Workshop consultant at the University of Texas, for the National Science Teachers Association and for many other professional groups.



VICTORIA ALLEN BANKS '38
Outstanding in Religious Work



IRA FRANKLIN WESLEY '39
Successful instructor

Alumni Gift Campus Streets Named Concrete Markers Erected

The College campus now has streets with names, and attractive concrete marker posts are placed on every corner.

Meeting a long felt need, the project is sponsored by the local Prairie View Alumni Club. Mrs. Douglass Woolfolk was chairman of the project. The College superintendent of maintenance, Mr. A. A. Lee gave special assistance in drawing plans and supervising the construction of street markers.

Campus streets running East and West are numbered and those running North and South are identified by alphabets. Numbered streets begin with "First" which is located near the elementary school. Second and Forth streets are short while Third street is the main thoroughfare running past

the administration building and "Fifth" is the busy street identified by the Industrial Education, Engineering and Agriculture buildings.

The main highway running through the campus is "Avenue E" to the left (or West) "Avenue A" begins at the high school building and works back. East of Avenue E are "F, G and H."

The local alumni committee working on the project included Mrs. C. H. Johnson, Mrs. L. C. McMillan, Mrs. F. G. Fry, Mrs. D. W. Martin, Mrs. E. W. Owens, Mrs. L. C. Mosley, Mrs. A. N. Poindexter, Mrs. H. T. Jones, Mrs. A. G. Cleaver, Mrs. W. R. Banks, Mrs. A. W. Randall, J. J. Woods, L. C. McMillan and O. J. Thomas.

P. V. Graduate Awarded Fellowship

Joe E. Standifer, a Fort Worth Como High School biology and chemistry teacher, has been awarded a Shell Merit Fellowship to Stanford University this summer.

Standifer, who holds both a B.S. Degree in chemistry and an M.S. Degree in biochemistry from Prairie View A. & M. College is one of 90 high school mathematics and science instructors from the United States and Canada selected on the basis of merit and demonstrated leadership qualities to attend graduate-level summer seminars at Stanford and Cornell Universities.

The seminars are sponsored by Shell Companies Foundation, Inc. to familiarize outstanding high school educators with the latest developments in their fields.

While at Stanford the Fort Worth teacher will receive training in mathematics, chemistry, physics, and educational techniques, as well as first hand knowledge of the applications of science and mathematics in industry. Lectures by some of the nation's top mathematicians and scientists and weekly field trips to research laboratories and industrial plants are included in the seminar program, according to J. E. Clark, Shell Oil Company Vice President for the Midland Area.



JOE E. STANDIFER
Outstanding Science Teacher

Dramatic Group Scores in 3-Act Mystery Play

The Charles Gilpin Players of Prairie View A. & M. College presented "The Gioconda Smile," a three-act mystery drama by Aldous Huxley, recently in the College Auditorium.

More than 1500 attended this final feature of the seventh annual Fine Arts Week observance. James B. Randolph directed the play and Lucy Darby Goodspeed was assistant director. Property supervisor was Frankie Ledbetter; setting designed by James D. Smith; lighting by F. G. Fry.

The cast included Madero Hilburn, Wilma Rose Barnett, Barbara Andres, Sarah Foster, Lee Ruth Washington, Alvin Chester, Jerry Calloway, Linnie Harris, Benjamin Smothers and Phillip Sweat.



FIELD DAY, AGRICULTURE EXPERIMENT SUB-STATION NO. 18 . . . A part of the large group of visitors and students attending the Annual Field Day activities of Experiment Sub-station 18 at the College recently are shown. Acting Dean of Agriculture J. C. Williams is describing the results of a 186-day feeding trials of heifers and steers. Another group section head Oliver E. Smith, professor of Agronomy and Agricultural Research, told about some of the field tests at the station. An estimated 200 attended the field day activities.

ROTC Unit Ranked High By Army Inspection Team

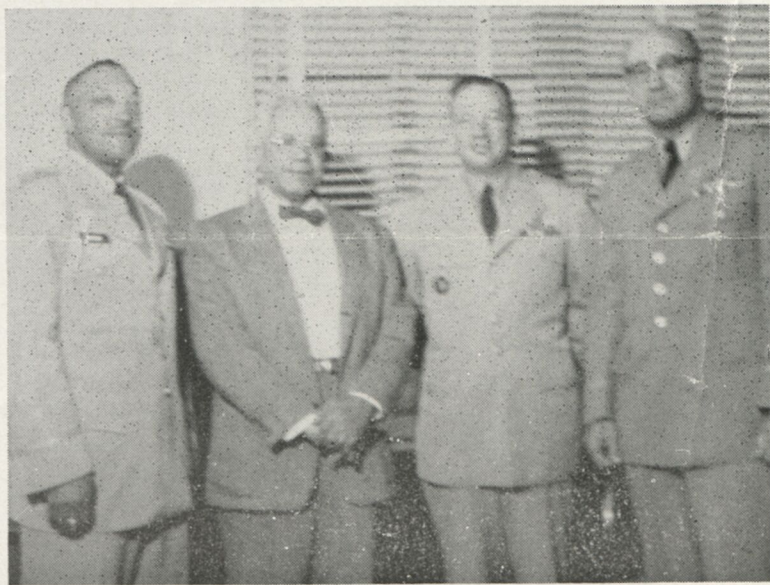
Inspecting Team Number 1, Reserve Forces Section, Fourth United States Army, composed of Colonel John H. Browning, Lieutenant Colonel Millard Shaw and Major Robert C. Loving, conducted the Annual Formal Inspection of the ROTC at Prairie View A. & M. College, 28 March 1957.

The inspection, of a full days duration, is a "command inspection;" so called, because of its scope, and the fact that it includes not only the Cadet Corps, but also the regular military staff.

All areas of the department were subjected to close scrutiny during the inspection. During the morning hours, inspecting activities centered around the observation of classroom training at each year level. A portion of the regular class period was allotted to the inspecting officers to ask questions on material covered during the current school year and all previous instruction. Also inspected during the morning hours, were the various sections within the Detachment. These were: the Administrative section, Operations section and supply section. Classroom instruction and each section received "Superior" ratings.

The afternoons inspection was concerned primarily with an inspection of the cadet corps in ranks. The activity consisted of the inspection of each cadet's rifle, the manual of arms, and general military knowledge.

At the conclusion of the inspection, a critique was held by the senior inspecting officer, Colonel Browning. According to Colonel Browning, there were marked improvements in all areas of the inspection. He complimented Lieutenant Colonel Thomas H. Wright, PMS&T of the unit, and his staff, for the fine job that was apparent from the inspection.



R. O. T. C. INSPECTION . . . Lieutenant Colonel T. H. Wright (left) and President E. B. Evans are shown with members of the 4th Army Inspection Team—Colonel John W. Browning and Lieutenant Colonel Millard Shaw

Honors Day Awards are Made to Nearly 500 Prairie View Students

Nearly 500 Prairie View A. & M. College students received some type of award during the Honors Day Convocation held at the College on Sunday, May 5.

Dean T. P. Dooley, presided during the annual program to honor students for outstanding scholarship and extracurricular activities. A. C. Herald, science teacher at Wheatley High School, Houston, also alumnus and former Prairie View instructor, delivered the Honors Day address. Dean J. M. Drew presented scholarship awards, and Dr. T. R. Solomon, Dean of Students, made the Student Life Awards.

The College's top award—T. K. Lawless Award—to the Senior Student making outstanding contributions to the College—went to Bobbie A. Nicholson of Omaha, Nebraska. Miss Nicholson is a Panther editor, leader in several student organizations and an honor student.

Constance E. Royal won the Harrison Valien Award for the Senior graduating student having the highest scholastic average. The J. M. Alexander Sunday School Award for outstanding contribution to the Sunday School went to John D. Rogers. Three sorority groups and one Fraternity gave sizable scholarship awards: They were: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Tuition scholarship award — Ruby P. Freeman; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship Awards — Peggy Holloway (1956-57 Freshman) and Mae Dell Marie Humphrey (1957-58 Freshman student); Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Scholarship Award — Vera J. Brooks; and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Tuition Scholarship — Russell Pierre.

Other awards included: English—The Anne L. Campbell English Award — Ruby P. Freeman; Sangle Award (Poetry Contest)—Russell Pierre. Home Economics — Home Economics Club and Charm Club Award — Dorothy J. Edmond; Home Economics Staff Award — Mary Ann Allen; Mrs. Galloway Award—Jewel J. Joe. Alumni — Local Prairie View Alumni Award—Jewel J. Joe. Industrial Education — Division of Industrial Education Prizes — Lee E. Odom, Azil L. Tipps. Science — Biology — June M. Felton Chemical Rubber Publishing Co. Chemistry Award — Russell Pierre; Chemical Rubber Publishing Co. Physics Award—Leonard C. Gee; Clifford J. Pollard Award (Chemical Research) —Lee Van Richardson; Brownlow Award (most outstanding Pre-Medic) — Samuel Houston; Texas Academy of Science Award — Charles Taylor; Thomas H. Burton Memorial Award—James Bowen. Poultry — Woods Poultry Science Award — Claiborne L. Polk. Engineering — Slide Rule Contest Prizes — (1) Freddie Jackson, (2) Wilbert Flowers (3) Joe Sandes. Engineers Open Contest (1) Ocial McClellan, (2) Earl J. Wilson, (3) Horace A. Lindsey. Electrical Engineering Prize — William B. Crawford, Mechanical Engineering — Robert E. Bailey, Civil Engineering — Roland C. Williams, Architectural Engineering — Otis Anderson. Business — Pen and Ponders Club Award — Valerie J. Fry. Debating Certificates — Ruby J. Davis, Barbara J. Newman, Roland M. Smith, Joe M. Thompson and Clarence L. Williams.

Panther Key Awards — Beauregard Brown, III, Effie L. Crenshaw, James E. Lydia, Algerita Spencer, and T. C. Carter. Dramatics — (Keys and Certificates) Barbara Andres, Barbara Dixon, Bettye J. Lowe, Loyce M. Maxie, Lee E. Odom, Robert Parks, Joe (Continued on Page 4)